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Chapter 921 Aquarina's Tantrum

RUMBLE!

The seas around Azurite Port started to shake and grow wild. The people panicked, gathering over the rooftops of their houses as they glanced the seas go crazy. Two figures in the distance were constantly clashing against one another.

One of them controlled the oceans, bringing forth endless sea waves and spiraling, sea snake-shaped masses of sea water, while the other used their bare hands, legs, and body to destroy them all.

"Cut it out, Aquarina! You're just making a tantrum now!"

The roar came from a gorgeous, muscular Amazoness, with a huge body of over two meters of height, packed with strong muscles, yet a beautiful and feminine figure, covered on scars, and wearing minimal clothing, her long brown hair waved rapidly as the sea waves came rushing towards her.

"I don't care! I DON'T CAREEEE!"

And confronting her there was a young girl around her 14's, her appearance was slightly similar to her, but with a long, silvery-white hair, and shiny blue eyes that shone bright blue, emanating powerful waves of ocean water from below.

Her Aura exuded a tremendous quantity of Divinity of the Seas, the seas around her, all of the water, were her strength, the ocean was her ultimate domain! And they shaped before her commands, and her emotions.

The uncontrollable rage she had was reflected into the seas, shaping, and combining together into a gigantic sea snake, opening its gigantic jaws, and rushing towards her opponent...

Her own mother.

"ROOOOAARRR!"

CLAAASH!!!

The giant bite reached her mother, Nepheline, clashing against her entire body and unleashing a devastating explosion, the pressure of the water would had been enough to completely flatten half a city!

Yet, her mother was not a common woman, her body overflowing with a Divine Power of her own, her brown skin turning into metal as she resisted the enormous pressure and the explosion, her muscular arms rushing forwards, unleashing a devastating barrage of punching attacks.

"Enough is ENOUGH!"

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

Her fists erupted into fist-shaped auras that emerged from her own body, clashing against her own daughter's attacks, as dozens of sea snakes made of oceanic water constantly tried to bite her body!

SPLASH! SPLASH! SPLASH!

"I won't let you take me away from Sylphy! I'VE ALREADY MADE UP MY MIND!"

Aquarina did not give up, her powerful Divinity erupting with even more power as her Mana kept regenerating rapidly! Her mother was amazed as she saw her own daughter unleash her truest powers, her eyes opening wide in shock.

"Aquarina...! You...!" She muttered, gritting her teeth. "You're serious about this?!"

The oceanic currents kept amassing around Aquarina, shaping into a gigantic titan made of the sea itself, suddenly materializing a huge armor made of frost, and conjuring a titanic trident charged with darkness, frost, and mana!

"RAAAAHHH!!!"

Aquarina screamed her lungs out, her blue eyes suddenly turning deep red as the gigantic sea titan moved, roaring furiously, its enormous arms reaching her mother Nepheline rapidly!

CRAASH! CRAASH! CRAASH!

RUMBLE!

Nepheline swung her fists as she flew towards her daughter, punching the attacks as if they were nothing, but each time she did, she felt the strength and the pressure of the spiraling waters become stronger, even her powerful Orichalcum Skin was beginning to be slightly chipped, covered on bruises!

"Just how strong as this brat become?!" Nepheline thought. "This is amazing...! Yet...!"

She charged her Mana into her right arm, gathering her powers as stones, ores, and crystals began to materialize, growing a gigantic, over twenty-meter big arm made of stone, ores, and crystals!

"[Gaia's Fist]!"

TRUUUM...!

The fist rushed towards the giant titan made of seas, only for Aquarina to respond with the titanic trident she created, both gigantic magic attacks clashing against one another!

"I'll prove you that I am STRONG ENOUGH!"

Aquarina screamed, her trident clashing against her mother's powerful technique!

CLAAASH!

Not only the seas below wavered, but the skies above started to seemingly split apart, the clouds disappeared and the seas momentarily showed their depths, the shockwave so strong that it felt as if the world itself trembled!

This was a clash between those blessed by Gods, those that possess the divine protections of Gods, carrying within their souls and bodies a fragment of their divinities!

Heroes!

Oceanic water and stone flew everywhere, as Nepheline prevailed over her daughter's mighty attack, rushing towards her furiously!

"AQUARINA! STOP THIS AT ONCE!"

Nepheline had a lot of patience, but these last days, her daughter had proved that her patience was simply not enough. She was growing furious over her daughter's irresponsibility, and her lack of faith over her own mother's words! And above all, that she was making such a tantrum that she could risk the lives of the people on this port!

"NOOOO!"

Aquarina roared angrily, her entire body suddenly started to shapeshift, her heart beating rapidly as her entire body was covered in silvery blue scales, growing a very long, sea snake-like tail with a big flipper like those of a shark, a huge shark-like sail also grew on her back, as her arms gained enormous claws and so did her legs, while her white hair turned blue and her eyes gained the sharpness of a sea dragon!

"[Sea Draconification]?! She's using that already?!"

Nepheline tried to stop her, but Aquarina was one step ahead, opening her jaws and gathering thousands of units of Mana at once, and absorbing a large quantity of sea water too!

"GRAAAH!!!"

With a furious draconic roar, a titanic Sea Dragon Breath emerged from Aquarina's jaws, a beam of incredibly highly pressurized water, that could pierce through mountains themselves, clashing against her almighty mother!

TRUUUMMM...!

The enormous beam clashed against Nepheline's entire body, as her skin started to gain countless bruises as it constantly regenerated, Nepheline felt the pressure of millions of liters of water crushing down on her!

"S-Such power...!"

She had never experienced such an incredibly powerful attack ever since fighting the Demon King and his strongest Elites, not even the Lolth-possessed Arachne!

"So this is... how far you've come...!"

BOOOMMM!!!

Chapter 922 A Mother's Love

Aquarina's Sea Dragon Breath completely engulfed her mother into a tremendous explosion, so big that it completely darkened the skies for a few seconds. The citizens of Azurite panicked, seeing the huge explosion almost reach their city...

However, the one that took it directly had yet to even be taken down, her body floating in midair, her orichalcum skin bruised, cracked, and falling apart, only to reveal an even darker metal color beneath, covered in many white-colored and red-colored tattoos.

While Orichalcum was believed to be the metal of the gods, there was something unique that Nepheline had developed, by cultivating, synthetizing, and transforming the metals and ores within her body... She created something even stronger than Orichalcum.

And she called it... Adamantium, just like "Adamas" how Diamond is said in the language of the Gods. However, this metal might as well have even tougher properties than the mightiest diamonds.

And it was one of the things that made Nepheline and incredibly indestructible powerhouse...

"Hahh..." Nepheline sighed, looking up at Aquarina, who quickly started gathering more and more water, shaping it into hundreds of sea snakes. "You're going too far now, Aquarina!"

She was growing furious as she saw her daughter irresponsible use her abilities and powers, endangering the city of Azurite, where her dear friend had come to visit her sister's family!

"I'LL STOP YOU NOW!"

With a furious roar, Nepheline rushed towards her daughter, punching hundreds of sea snakes made of sea water one after another, meteorically rising towards the skies and catching up to her daughter!

"Get AWAY!"

Aquarina cried, her magic powers harnessing into her claws as two gigantic draconic claws made of sea water clashed against her mother, whom she easily destroyed using her powerful fists, coated in several layers of reinforced ores!

CLASH! CLASH! CLASH!

"Cut it off already, you damn BRAT!"

With an angered and furious expression that Aquarina had never seen before, her mother's fist reached her, clashing against her stomach and launching her down. An enormous shockwave interrupted her magic conductivity and dispelled all her spells, the seas finally going calm as Nepheline glanced her daughter descend, her eyes closed, her mouth vomiting blood, and her face covered on her own tears.

"Hahhh... HAHHH...!"

Nepheline was having a raging attack, her emotions taking over her body as she felt her entire body blazing with anger, growing redder!

Yet... as she saw her daughter falling with tears in her eyes, blood coming from her mouth, and her little body falling unconscious, she suddenly realized what she had done.

"Hahh... A-Ahhh...!"

She looked into her own hands, covered in the blood of her own daughter, as memories of her giving birth to Aquarina rushed through her mind, of holding her tenderly in her big arms, breastfeeding her peacefully, as she smiled with such bliss.

Of her daughter slowly learning to talk and walk, to her little princess running towards her, screaming "Mama!" as she hugged her legs with her tiny arms.

And of her beautiful, shiny blue eyes, and her innocent smile.

"Mama, I love you!"

And of that time when she was just six years old, when she first told her mama that she loved her...

Tears started falling from Nepheline's eyes, her hands trembling, her breathing starting to get faster and faster, as her heart couldn't stop beating faster as she panicked.

"W-What have I done?! A-AQUARINAAAA!"

She cried, rushing down towards her dear daughter, and catching her before she were to land above the sea, carrying her on her big arms.

Nepheline desperately conjured her strongest healing spells, covering her daughter with her own vitality and life force, which she shared into her body to heal her rapidly.

Tears constantly flowed from her eyes, as she gritted her teeth, incapable of forgiving herself for having harmed her daughter...

The most precious thing in her life, more precious than her own life.

"I'm sorry, Aquarina...! I'm so sorry!" She continued crying, carrying her unconscious daughter. "I love you so much... I just wanted you to be stronger, I just wanted you to be stronger so you could protect yourself, so you could live longer, so you could... be happier with Sylphy!"

"M-Mom...?" Aquarina slowly opened her blue eyes, looking at her mother weeping like she had never seen her before.

"I just want you to be happy..." She continued crying. "You can stay with her forever... I won't keep trying to convince you, okay? Y-You can do whatever you want... Just please, don't say that you hate me... I'm so sorry..."

Her mother embraced her in a warm hug, kissing Aquarina's cheeks and caressing her white hair.

"You're the most precious thing in my life..." She kept weeping.

"Mom..." Aquarina suddenly came back to her senses, tears started flowing from her sapphire-colored eyes, as she hugged her mother back. "Moom! I'm sorry... Sniff, I didn't want to hurt you either...!"

"It's fine... It's okay!" Nepheline cried. "It's fine... I'm sorry, I won't ever hurt you anymore... I don't know why I did it... I wanted to stop you, not to hurt you! I-I... I...!"

"It's okay..." Aquarina cried, tears constantly flowing from her eyes. "I'm sorry mom... I shouldn't had... done that... Sniff... I love you mom... I'm sorry!" She kept weeping with her mom, hugging her tightly.

"M-My little princess..." Nepheline hugged her daughter.

Despite having fought so much, after such a conclusion, the two realized their mistakes, feeling tremendous guilt over what they have done, of the childish behaviors they had.

As they slowly reached the port, Aquarina noticed Sylphy and her friends running towards them, probably about to ask them a million things...

"Aquarina, just forget about what I talked to you before, don't even think about it." Nepheline smiled. "You don't have to do any of those things... It's okay, I will... and dad too, will always love you, no matter what."

Aquarina silently heard her mother's words, as she gripped her fists tightly.

"But I still lost against you..." Aquarina sighed. "I'm weak... I got too cocky because I gained some strength... You were right mom... If I don't sacrifice some things to gain others, I will never be able to protect what truly matters to me..."

"A-Aquarina..." Nepheline felt shocked by her daughter's sudden resolve.

"I'll tell Sylphy about it..." Aquarina smiled faintly. "I hope... she can understand..."

Chapter 923 To Make A Decision

I felt utter dread. I ran as fast as I could to the seas, seeing Aquarina fight her mother was the thing I least could have ever imagined would happen!

I started overthinking things. I began to think that there might have been something very important I missed, something I was lacking, something I didn't do well, did Aquarina did this for me?

Could her mother not approve of our relationship at the end? Was she hiding her feelings about it until now? Or was it something completely different?

I felt so frustrated because she didn't communicate with me about these things! She didn't wanted to tell me, maybe because it would hurt me!

That dummy, I couldn't care less if it hurt me! As long as I could know what the hell is going on!

Why didn't she trust me?! Why didn't she told me what's going on?!

To reach the point where I see her mother fighting against her! This is just utter nonsense!

"AQUARINAAAA!"

I ran towards her as I saw her mother carry her into the port, the two were talking as they noticed me running towards her.

I jumped towards Aquarina, hugging her tightly, tears started flowing from my eyes out of all the panic and fear I felt.

"Are you alright?! Is everything okay in your body?! You took a blow from your mom!" I cried, checking her body, and beginning to conjure a million healing spells.

"I-I'm fine..." Aquarina sighed, glancing at me with a tired expression.

"You went too far!" I quickly confronted her mother. "Did you really had to hit your own daughter like that?! You should had stopped her, not knock her the hell out like that! What's wrong with you?! How can you do that to your daughter?!"

I couldn't contain my anger, barking at Nepheline like she was my sworn enemy.

"I'm sorry..." Nepheline sighed. "I-I... didn't meant to go so far. She was... going too far but I shouldn't had followed. I shouldn't had..."

However, she was so regretful she was holding her tears back, her face looked like she had already cried a whole lot already, so I guess she was already quite regretful.

"It was my fault, Sylphy, don't get so mad at my mom." Aquarina stopped me. "It's... complicated, would you be willing to listen to me for a little while?"

Honestly I felt so confused... But I just wanted her to be happy, so I just nodded and decided to just follow her, as her mother was left to explain what happened to the rest of my friends.

We walked across the port, as the people around finally seemed to calm down, the commotion ending as everything around town seemed to have gone back to normal.

If they didn't recognized Nepheline and Aquarina, it was because Aquarina's mom conjured a special spell bubble around her and her daughter, conjuring it so they are not noticed as they arrived...

"W-What's going on, Aquarina? Why didn't you wanted to communicate with me this entire time?! Why not even talk to me about these things? I was so worried!" I cried, running to her.

"Sorry..." Aquarina sighed, hugging me as we stopped walking across the wooden floor, the sun setting behind her. "I should had told you before about this, but instead... I just did one dumb thing after another, worrying you and then fighting my own mother... I'm such a stupid idiot..."

"W-Well, you might be a bit... reckless, but you're not a stupid idiot." I sighed, hugging her back, and caressing her hair. "You're a smart and brilliant girl, you just have... a very big heart, some sometimes, you let your emotions get the better of you, like your mom just did..."

"Sylphy... You know me so well." She sighed. "I guess I should have never hidden this to you, because you kind of guessed what was happening... Ugh, I feel so dumb, even as much as you say I am not one..."

"Just don't do something like that again, and the next time something like this happens, just tell me about it, instead of hiding it..." I sighed. "Okay?"

"Okay..." She nodded, holding my hand. "And well, uuh... This is hard to tell now that so much has happened.

"Geez! Just say it already..." I sighed, exhausted of her hiding things from me. "Just tell me why you've been fighting with your mom."

"It's just... Well, we had a talk before getting into the airship." She sighed. "A talk about an Ancient Inheritance my mother wants me to take, learn, and use to strengthen my body to even greater limits. It is an inheritance from an Ancient Hero, which lies within a gigantic mountain named Oblivion's Peak. It's in another continent completely, not even the human continent or Atlanta, it's a continent named Aruburn..."

"Oh, so that's... it? But why would you fight with your mom over just that? We can just go together to that place eventually!" I said.

"T-That's the thing, it's a special trial, a trial I can only go with mom." Aquarina glanced at me with eyes filled with sadness. "Mom said it might take from a year... to two years. It's a trial that'll transform my body into something even stronger, the reason why her body is so tough is because of that. It's... a trial the Ancient Hero of Mountains left behind for any other Hero with the talent for that."

"One year... two... years?" I asked, suddenly beginning to realize what it meant.

To not see Aquarina for two years...

What?

That's... I can't even imagine a week without her around, without her smile, her voice, and her company...

And two years... in two years so many things can happen, people can change so much, so many things might occur.

It might seem like little time for some long-lived elves, but for me, it would feel so long...

I can tell why she was so sad to the point of going crazy, if I get sad over it, Aquarina who loves me even more must have almost have her heart broken...

"Aquarina..." I sighed. "And do you... want to go there?"

"..." Aquarina remained in silence and then glanced back at me. "I have yet to fully make that decision, and... I want to ask you about it first. Do you want me to go?"

She's leaving the decision to me?

Chapter 924 A Decision

This is one crazy of a question! What do I even answer to her?! Do I let her go or do I just tell her to stay with me?

In one case, I selfishly want her to stay with me, and I also know that deep down, she might also want to hear that from me.

But in the other case...

Strength.

It is something we all need in a world like this, especially those like us, marked with the divine protection of the gods, forced to become the prey and targets of their enemies.

We become pawns for their wars, wars they don't want to do themselves, so they leave fragile mortals do it for them instead.

And when we die, they simply retrieve back the power they gave to us, repeating the cycle again as they give their powers to someone else in the future.

An endless cycle of the World fighting against the Gods.

The World creates their Demon King to fight the Gods, and the Gods create their Heroes to fight the World, both representants of these two factions fight to the death.

There is never a really clear winner, because even when heroes and demon kings die, little changes around the world... Even as the Demon King was slain, his disciples constantly come back, threatening our lives.

And even as several heroes were killed, more are chosen and blessed, against their own will, just because the Gods say so.

In a chaotic world of wars and battles, strength is the thing most needed, even in this peaceful country, if it weren't for the many powerful members of the government, the strongest being my grandfather, we wouldn't be able to enjoy such peace.

So she can live longer, survive much more, and stay at my side for much longer than just those two years we might lose...

It's a worthy sacrifice, isn't it?

"I would love to just say that you should stay with me..." I sighed. "Honestly, that's what I want deep down but... I know that it is also something that I shouldn't say."

"Sylphy..." Aquarina glanced into my eyes, as I gave her a gentle smile, trying to hide my sadness.

"I want you to grow stronger, and as tough as your mom... So even in the worst-case scenarios, there can still be a chance for you to live, to live at my side..." I started crying. "My greatest fear is losing you... Even with all the strength you have, even with the one I hold... there are so many things that could happen that... every little thing counts."

"Yeah..." Aquarina started crying, as we held hands and cried like dummies. "Y-You're right... I knew this was also the right decision but I just... I couldn't accept it; I didn't want to be away from you... I love you so much, you're... just everything to me. Since we were kids that you've always been there, you are like the pillar of my life and all!"

"Geez, so corny." I giggled, caressing her cute face. "You're also everything to me, dummy... But we've gotta grow up too. Sometimes, we won't be able to get together all the time. And this time, you need to learn about responsibilities, and about prioritizing things above others, for the greater good of those you care for."

"R-Right..." Aquarina sighed, hugging me again, and rubbing her face on my shoulders.

"See? You just had to tell me, it wasn't THAT bad, right?" I sighed, caressing her head. "Everything's going to be okay. Your mom will be there to guide you and protect you... She loves you a lot. I saw her on her genuine regret for hitting you... Other parents might have not even felt bad about that, but she loves you so unconditionally that even doing something that seemed still... reasonable to stop your tantrum hurt her so badly she felt like she had committed the greatest sin."

"I know..." Aquarina cried. "I love mommy a lot... I'm sorry for going on a rampage, I could have endangered so many... I'm so stupid... dummy, an idiot..."

"You're maybe a bit of that, but not THAT much." I giggled. "You're, as I said, a smart, brilliant, cute, and strong girl!" I smiled, lifting her chin gently. "And I love you for that!"

"Sylphyyyy... Sniff... Buwaaah! What did I do to deserve such a cute girlfriend?!" She started crying on my shoulders again. "I'm sorry... I will try to do better!"

"Geez, you're such a crybaby today... There, there." I sighed, comforting my crybaby girlfriend. "Once you're finally back, two years will have pass, and the two of us could have changed a lot but... I know that it will be for the best. You will be much stronger, like your mom, and I too will be super strong! We'll be the strongest pair ever!"

"Ever!" Aquarina smiled, her smile filled with sorrow and happiness made my heart beat faster, as I embraced her in a hug, and then gave her a little kiss in her lips.

Once we were done with this, we walked back with everyone else, and we explained a few of the things we talked about, everyone finally understood, although with mixed reactions.

And when we were back to Auntie Aina's manor, Aquarina and Nepheline had to apologize a lot with everyone... And Ninhursag also apologized with me, saying she shouldn't had said those things.

"I'm sorry, Sylphy. I guess... I am not too accustomed to these things myself. I guess... sometimes its fine to step in, sometimes... people do need the help of someone else." Ninhursag sighed.

"It's fine, really." I smiled. "I know you said it because you were also worried deep down. Nepheline is your friend and all after all."

"Yeah..." Ninhursag sighed. "I'll have to reprimand her for this too, she should have told me about this to begin with! Hey, come here!"

"Eeep!" Nepheline quickly recoiled as she saw her friend walk towards her, about to reprimand her for her recklessness and lack of trust to not tell one of her best friends something like this.

My mom was also there, the two began to quickly reprimand Nepheline, as the Amazoness lowered her head, accepting it all.

"I'm so sorry..." She cried.

This might be the first and last time I ever see my strong mother-in-law in such a state...

Chapter 925 A Special Letter

While having dinner, we talked about many things, but mostly Aquarina's journey to Araburn, the Continent of Wilderness, where Anima reign supreme above all other races. It is a very little-known continent that has only been barely touched by the Gallatea Continent's Kingdoms, the Atlanta Continent Nations do have some connections with them, but the humans none at all.

There are Humans and Elves living there though, but their cultures are much different than those of other continents, perhaps similar to the Amazonian Tribe or the Wood Elves my mother sometimes talk me about, who are nomadic, tribal elves that live in the farther Jade Woods, who reject magic technology and prefer to live in complete harmony with nature.

"We're still over halfway through the year, but at the end of the year, I think we'll get going." Nepheline sighed. "I might also bring my husband with us too, yeah. He'll be lonely if we leave him behind, right? It's gonna be fun! A family trip, just the three of us!"

"Hm..." Aquarina nodded, still feeling down, but having already started to accept it. "Y-Yeah, I guess..."

"The Inheritance of the Mountain Hero, wasn't he part of the first ever group of Heroes to exist after the Original Hero?" My father wondered. "I've heard from tales that he was so strong he could lift entire mountains, and he alone shaped the Araburn continent with his bare hands to make it more hospitable for the people living there."

"Wow..." Zack was amazed. "Man, you're so lucky, Aquarina! I wish I could get to have such a cool inheritance... But who was the Original Hero though?"

"Oh, the Original Hero was the first Hero to have been created." My mother explained. "Unlike us, he was not chosen as a mortal, he was molded and shaped by the Gods' very flesh and soul. It was said he was akin to a Demigod, with his powerful Legendary Divine Sword, Durandal, he slain the First Demon King."

"Wow, that's crazy." Said Mist. "So much mythology we didn't knew about... I wonder if this Hero is still alive? Is this tale even real?"

"Well, if gods exist, then perhaps it is real." My mother giggled. "But we've never meet him, nor we know what happened to him in any other tale I've read. Some speculated he camouflaged as a human, others said he's the high archbishop of the Church of the Gods back in the Gallatea Continent, another few people speculate he died in that battle... I don't remember well, some tales say both the hero and the demon king felled each other, some say he survived. He might be dead for all we know."

"Hmmm, oh well." I shrugged. "Anyways, if there's still half a year until then, we should make sure to enjoy every day with Aquarina, right guys?"

"Yeah! YOU'RE RIGHT!" Zack was pumped up. "Let's have a lot of fun! Maybe we should go on another adventure or something?"

"Let's make a lot of memories together, Aquarina!" Mist smiled gently.

"We have to make sure you don't forget about us in those two years!" Lara nodded. "Even if we've meet for little time, you're a precious friend of mine now, Aquarina!"

"That's right! You saved our lives; we owe you everything." Luck nodded. "Especially your powers, which were crucial to get back Lara before that Arachne were to snack on her..."

"Yep!" Celica nodded. "Aquinara's like my big sis!"

"L-Likewise... Aquarina's my sis now that she's engaged to big sis, right?" Zephy asked. "I-I'll also miss you..."

"Yeah, yeah, as they said." Celeste smiled, crossing her arms.

"Everyone..." Aquarina realized she didn't just had me to miss, but all these friends that loved her so much. "Y-You're right... I'll miss you all so much! Sniff... Ugh... Let's have a lot of fun until then!"

"Yaaaah!" We celebrated.

"Well, now that you're here, might as well spend the next few days enjoying the sea and the port." My mother smiled. "Let's make sure to make these days unforgettable, everyone."

"Well said." My father nodded, crossing his arms.

"Fufu, such a beautiful family." Auntie smiled. "I hope one day my little girl can be accepted in your group of friends..."

"O-Of course, but she has to hang around more with us." I nodded. "Susanna, what do you say?"

"I want to! I wanna be frens with everyone!" Susanna was very excited. "I don't have friends here..."

It seemed that Susanna's life as a sheltered noble girl have given her very little chance to meet other kids her age, making her grow up mostly by the company of servants and her parents, which is not bad but... I bet she would love to have friends her age.

"If it's fine by you, we could bring her along to Agarthia every now and then too." My mother said. "So she can get along with the kids better and spend more time with them too. I'm sure it would help her develop more socially too."

"Yeah, I've been thinking about it. I might send her with her father too, and I might come myself whenever my workload is not too much." Aina smiled. "Sylphy, I hope you can take good care of my little angel." Auntie caressed her beautiful daughter's blonde hair.

"Sure!" I smiled. "Gladly, Susanna is a lovely girl. It is nice that she doesn't discriminate either... Some other elven kids would not be fine with our group being composed of so many tribes..."

"Huh? What does that means?" Susanna was completely clueless.

"We've never taught her to discriminate anybody that looked different than hers. In this port, racism is usually not allowed, and we've begun to slowly accept people of other tribes if some ever show up. Recently, a few demon refugees have moved to our city, honest people." Aina smiled.

I guess Agartha is not the only place where things are beginning to change. It might be slow, but one step at a time, we can slowly change the world and make it a better place for everyone.

"Lady Aina! Lady Faylen! T-There's a letter! It just came from the airship that arrived an hour ago!" A maidservant ran into the dinning room, giving the letter to Auntie Aina.

"A letter for the two of us?" My mother asked. "Who could it- Eh?!"

"Wait, what?!" Aina also responded the same way, as both her and mom glanced at the letter's beautiful, golden lining, and its regal appearance.

"T-This is a letter from the royal family! From father or mother?!" My mom asked in shock. "W-What do they want now?"

"I-I don't know, but its better if we check what's going on." Aina sighed, slowly opening the letter, and reading it. "Huh? No, this isn't bad at all! This is... Amazing!"

"What is it?" I wondered, sipping some tea.

"Some special letter?" Aquarina wondered, munching on a big cheeseburger at my side.

"It is a royal call from the King himself, our father." Aina said. "It is... This is a special Party to celebrate that all of you defeated Arachne and Lolth... You're being recognized as National Heroes by the King himself! E-Even you guys! Not just the heroes, everyone!"

"Even us demons?!" Celeste was shocked.

"Y-Yes..." Aina nodded, swallowing saliva. "This... means a lot!"

Things were about to change much more than we ever imagined...

Chapter 926 Wet Dreams

The news that arrived were very BIG ones, it meant that not only we were being recognized for our efforts, but also our Demons friends too! This must be the very first time they ever recognize Demons as heroic figures within the entire Country, so it is a big thing.

It means that there's a chance for them to be accepted by society much more. And if it is the King himself the one that congratulates them, even the most racist of elves will begin to reconsider their beliefs, because mostly everyone admire my grandfather for both their admirable rulership and also strength.

Naturally, it made all my friends really excited. We spent the rest of the dinner talking about everything that might happen from now on, as my mother decided that we'll be departing to the capital tomorrow morning in another airship.

The sooner we get there, the better, according to her. If we take too long, we might offend the King and the other nobles might end up feeling offended too, worsening their view of us. Even if the large majority of them are selfish people that don't deserve our attention, they're the pillars of this country's society, so we have to work hard to please them, even if only a bit.

I'm not saying I want to just please them and bend to their will or something, but if there's a chance to make them happier and improve their view of us, I'll take it, even if I have to swallow my pride.

Once we finished dinner, everyone moved back home, except for Aquarina, who after knowing she would get going at the end of the year, had decided to stick with me for as long as she can... Not like she hadn't been doing that already, oh well.

"Mooch, mooch, mooch~"

She was constantly kissing my cheeks while we cuddled in my bed, without letting me go, her strong arms wrapped around my shoulders, as she pushed my face into her chest... Which had been growing considerably these last months.

Honestly, I wish I would want to complain more about this! I am literally being held against my will by this living machine of cuddles and kisses, but quite honestly... I love it.

"Um, Aquarina, I think that's enough, let's sleep already, dear." I sighed, giving her a kiss in her little nose.

"A-Another one?" She asked, with puppy eyes.

"Fine..." I sighed, as she lifted my chin and gave me a kiss in my lips, it was warm, tender, and I just held the urge of continuing kissing her, because we honestly had to sleep now, it was already very late!

"Hmm~ I'm going to miss your lips..." She said, caressing my head, and holding me in her arms as if I were her little baby...

Which I didn't mind honestly! I love being spoiled by my girlfriend! There, I said it!

"Me too." I giggled, as I rubbed my face in her chest. "And this too~"

"Uwah..." She blushed a bit. "S-Sylphy... you're getting a bit bold now, heheh... Not like I dislike it~"

"W-Well, you rub your face over mine all the time, so I thought it was time for some payback..." I smiled, as I closed my eyes. "Alright now, let's make some shut eye... Tomorrow morning we can take a warm bath together, and eat together, and all of that..." I yawned.

"Heheh, okay~" She giggled, finally closing her eyes, and kissing my forehead one last time as we dozed off.

Ahhh... But I can barely sleep, she smells so nice.

Ugh, okay, calm down you urges!

Sleep, just sleep!

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I opened my eyes, finding myself in my room. Was it already morning? The sun was quite strong, coming from the window. However, I don't remember hearing anybody coming to wake me up.

Maybe I simply woke up on my own? Whatever's the case, I tried to stand up, only to find myself tied by red-colored ropes around the bed.

"H-Huh?"

Suddenly, I noticed Aquarina standing in front of me, smiling devilishly. Her appearance was the same as before but... she seemed even more mature, taller, more beautiful, she had larger hips, bigger chest, longer hair, and a mature, charming beauty.

"So you woke up..."

"A-Aquarina?"

However, as I was wondering what was happening, I noticed my own body was the same, slightly aged. At the same time as I thought that she started slowly walking like a seductive cat over the bed, slowly placing herself over me.

"Let's do it now... I know you can't wait for it..."

"E-Eh?"

She started kissing me passionately, I couldn't resist. She smelled so good, and her tongue was so warm and delicious, she played with me, I was to her total mercy, I couldn't fight back. I didn't want to fight back.

Aquarina kissed my neck, then my chest, she played with my body, I became hers... It made me feel so blissful, yet so nervous. She was naked, rubbing her beautiful body over mine.

It made me want for this to last forever, I moaned in pleasure, she did too.

The atmosphere became so warm and fuzzy, I felt like I couldn't breathe...

W-What's... happening?

"AH!"

And then, I opened my eyes! Finding myself being deprived of much valuable oxygen by Aquarina's hug and her breasts, which were completely covering my nose...

"Hm? S-Sylphy...?"

Aquarina was confused, looking at me with her adorable, beautiful blue eyes.

"G-Good morning..."

I guess it was just a dream. Yet I couldn't help but felt like it was real, it felt so real though!

Ahh, is this because we've already hit puberty?!

I had a lewd dream and... Yeah, I'm quite wet down there too.

"You're blushing?" Aquarina wondered, giving me a teasing smile. "What? Did you had a lewd dream or something? Hehehe... Wanna make it a reality?"

"W-Wha...?! I-I didn't had anything!" I covered my face in embarrassment, and then ran to wash my face in the bathroom.

And like that, another day started...

Chapter 927 The Next Morning

SPLAAASH!

After splashing myself with very cold water, I was finally back to my normal self. Aquarina was gently washing my back with aromatic soap, after I washed her beforehand.

"So what happened? You woke up a bit freaked out..." She asked, wondering what had happened.

If I tell her that I had a very lewd dream where we had... sex. Knowing her, she would get probably really excited, and might try something perverted, so I better not tell her.

"N-Nothing... I just had a weird dream where... Uuh, I fell from a very tall building." I said, trying to figure out something that people often dreamed about.

"Ooh, I guess that's why you jumped off the bed!" She laughed. "Maybe I was asphyxiating you a bit... Sorry for hugging you too tightly."

"Are you alright yourself?" I wondered. "Everything's fine?"

"Huh? Me? Ah... Well, yeah. I'm feeling better now." Aquarina smiled, as she started to gently wash my long, red hair. "I think I've come in terms with what's going to happen, and I've accepted it as a challenge I need to get through. I'm just already thinking what we can do once I'm finally back, even if that might be quite far away."

"Well, I'm glad." I smiled, feeling more relieved. My tummy started to rumble a bit; I was feeling hungry.

Aquarina's tummy was also making a few sounds as well. Because we've grown so strong physically, we need even more food than kids our age should need... Like perhaps eight or ten times more.

Maybe this was why my mother always made such highly caloric foods all the time since I have memory, my father ate like three pizzas for breakfast, fifteen eggs with like twenty bacon pieces, around five large pieces of freshly baked bread, four to five cups of tea or coffee, and ten fruits.

And he still does every single morning! Though our meals vary greatly, sometimes there's a lot of donuts, other times we eat tortillas with a lot of veggies, creamy sauces and minced meat, and other times we indulge on a big variety of fruit pies.

My mother is no different, though she pretends to eat little, she eats a lot as well! Probably more than I do. Also every time I see her she has a cup of tea at her side, she probably drinks like fifty cups of tea a day or something. I guess she needs all that energy to keep moving her engines after living for so long.

Ahh, all this foodie talk is making me hungry; I want to eat pancakes.

SPLAAASH!

After washing my back and my hair, and then drying ourselves with warm air made from magic, we quickly got ourselves ready, with fancy clothes that didn't make it difficult to move. Aquarina most of the time borrowed my clothes because we had almost the same size, and she did the same right now too... I can't complain, she's my girlfriend, so it's fine I guess.

"Ready?" I asked.

"Ready!" She said, sporting a cute black and red dress, with black boots, and even a blue ribbon. She liked colorful clothes, unlike what her Amazonian Tribe often fancied, being mostly white dresses for girls.

We walked downstairs, we were greeted by my mom, dad, uncle, auntie... everyone. Our friends were back from their rooms, we weren't home, exactly, as we were still staying at my aunt's manor.

"Well here they are." My mom said. "Come eat already, we're late!"

"We're late?!" I was surprised. "S-Sure!"

"Let's eat then!" Aquarina jumped into her seat as we were greeted by a huge feast of countless delicious meals.

There were colorful fruit pies, donuts covered in chocolate and white cream, pancakes, all sorts of fruits, freshly baked bread, all sorts of colorful cheeses, milk, three huge pizzas my mom most likely did for my dad and anyone else, and there was even some grilled meat and a whole fried chicken... Mist was munching on the meat happily.

"Mornin' Shylphy!" She said happily.

"Good morning Mist!" I greeted her happily.

"Were you girls busy doing something else that you took so long to come downstairs?" Wondered Celeste, giving me a teasing smile.

"N-Not at all!" I said, feeling embarrassed. "Fufu, as lively as ever." Aunt Aina giggled, sipping some tea.

"Daddy, what were they talking about?" Susanna asked her father, as she was sitting over his legs. "E-Eh? Huh... Nothing, dear." Her dad laughed nervously, eating some fruit pie with a coffee at his side.

"Anyways, today's the day! This came out of nowhere but I hope everything goes alright." My father said. "Everyone, make sure to act accordingly and don't do anything crazy... or weird! Okay? Let's make sure those pretentious nobles don't have anything to complain. Remember all the manners we've taught to you all."

"Yeah." My mother said. "Wow, that surprised me, did you just said all of that? I guess you've also been growing a lot, honey." My mother giggled, patting my father's head.

"Hahah, of course, why else would I- Wait, I'm not a kid!" My father complained, crossing his arms while munching on a gigantic sandwich. "I've already grown up a lot, don't you think?"

"Fufu, I know dear." My mother giggled. "I just sometimes I see small glimpses of how you used to be back then... So barbaric, reckless, and with so much lack of self-awareness and manners! I've shaped you into a proper father, heh."

"Hahh... I guess I should have expected such a comment from an elf wife." My father laughed a bit, going on with the flow.

I guess it must feel a bit weird how he had changed so much since he was a young teen compared to mom, who was unchanging ever since he met her. "Are you feeling better now?" Nepheline asked her daughter.

"Yeah, I'm alright now, mom. Sorry about that again..." Sighed Aquarina.

"It's fine." Nepheline smiled. "Your dad's already on his way to the capital, we'll meet him there. Arafunn too is going there with him. Agarth was't left unprotected, both of their spirits are there protecting, so it should be fine."

"Oh, nice!" Aquarina was excited to see her dad. "Let's have fun in the capital once we're done with the celebration party!"

"Sure thing, dear." Nepheline smiled, caressing her daughter's long and silky hair. "I love you so much, my daughter." She suddenly hugged her tightly.

"E-Eh? Ah... I love you too, mom." Aquarina felt confused and slightly overwhelmed at first but accepted her mother's hug and hugged her back.

I guess they had fully reconciled now! "Yeeey! They reconciled, sis! I love happy endings!" My little brother giggled, as he was sitting over mom's lap. "Well, looks like things are finally settled then." Ninhursag smiled. "Never fight with your daughter again, alright? It's wrong and not something a mother must do."

"I know." Nepheline sighed. "I was foolish, and I let my own emotions get the better of me."

"I was also in the wrong too, don't blame mom for everything!" Aquarina said. "I'm... sorry too, for everything. Everyone, sorry... E-Especially Lady Aina, I apologize for... endangering your people with my stupid tantrums."

"Well, I would certainly have more to say right now but... Quite honestly, I have a soft spot for girls like you." Auntie laughed. "It's fine, dear. As long as you learn and understand, all is forgiven. From now on, try to be a better version of yourself, one step at a time, alright?"

"Y-Yes!" Aquarina nodded, feeling slightly inspired.

And after that heartwarming conversation, we stuffed ourselves with delicious food and departed straight to the capital.

Chapter 928 Going Back To The Capital

"It has truly been a few years since we've come here again." "Certainly... The place's unchanged as usual- Oh? No, there's a few more houses and inns. Buildings feel larger? Looks like my brother hasn't slacked all that much!"

Two heroes flew across the skies as they moved towards the capital as fast as possible. Shade and Arafunn had been friends since they met one another, and although they were very different, such differences complemented one another, and they could be pretty alright when just alone between the two.

Though, at the end of the day, Arafunn knew that Shade's best friend is Allan, who was like his sworn brother, the two, as much as they liked to pretend they didn't, were inseparable comrades, friends, and brothers.

"Perhaps your brother has decided to change things. These buildings... Look like they're to house more tourists?" Wondered Shade.

"Indeed!" Arafunn laughed. "And there's way more ships on the docks too! Oh?!"

"What?" Shade wondered, as Arafunn suddenly saw something and heard something else.

"T-There's a lot of new people coming into the city! Bringing forth goodies from their countries. Demons, dwarves, humans! Oh my, looks like my brother has opened the frontiers again? After having closed them from other countries back in the War, he finally opened them again!" Laughed Arafunn.

"Wait, what?!" Shade was shocked. "Is this alright?! This also has its risks... If there's some terrorist attack or something..."

"Nah, don't worry about those things now!" Laughed Arafunn. "All's fine. We have to trust the people too! And well, there's now an even more extensive and thorough security than ever before, everyone's double, triple, quadruple checked before entering our lands... Most of these security groups are led by strong veteran magicians, nothing can sneak past their senses."

"Well... I sure hope so." Shade sighed. "If things can be different then... I'm all for it." He smiled faintly beneath his black coat. "I'm glad there are some Demon Countries willing to make trading with us even after everything..."

"It means they might also think like us. That just because some of our kin tried to terrorize the other, it doesn't mean all of their kin are evil. Most of them, if not 99% of them are just normal people, trying to live their lives however they can. Nobody in this world is inherently evil, nor malicious..." Arafunn smiled. "It's the environment where we grow that shape us into what we are... And for the future generations, we have to properly make an environment where they won't commit the same mistakes we once did."

"There is much truth in those words, my friend." Shade laughed. "Today you're quite cheery, these news have surely cheered you up, huh?"

"W-Well, yeah..." Arafunn laughed. "It means a lot... Ah, there we are."

The two heroes quickly descended from the skies, landing right in front of the Castle, surprising the guards wearing shiny white armor in front, who quickly recognized their faces. At the same time, Sylphy's group had just arrived, so both meet at long last.

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The trip through the airship was very fast, we landed on the capital just an hour afterwards. It seemed they had used their maximum available speed to get here, which was quite mana consuming, but my mother herself decided to imbue her mana into the ship, making things easier.

"Daddy!" Aquarina ran to greet her dad, Shade, who had just arrived too, jumping over him, and hugging him tightly. "I missed you daddy!"

"It has been just a couple of days, hahaha! What happened?" Shade instantly changed his gloomy appearance as he saw his daughter, even laughing out loud as he hugged her. "Well..." Aquarina didn't want to tell him.

"A lot happened, but we can talk about that later, dear." Nepheline greeted her husband, giving him a big kiss on his lips. "Let's go in, the King must be waiting for us now."

"Let's go." My mom said, as she greeted the guards, who promptly opened the gates for us.

CREAAAAK...!

The enormous castle gates opened wide, as we made our way through an enormous and majestic hall, decorated thoroughly with silver and golden linings, many paintings, statues, and many other things.

There were maidservants and manservants wandering everywhere to get things tidied up for the large celebration party, and there were also many squadrons of knights wandering around, making sure things were safe.

Once we entered the last hall, which was also a huge red gate, we finally found ourselves back to where everything started... Or well, where things started once I landed on this country.

Where I meet my grandfather for the first time, and where I also meet the rest of the family... which was a rather bad experience, if I have to be honest.

But I'm trying to be positive right now!

"Hmm..."

The entire hall fell into silence the moment we stepped in. And there he was, grandfather sat down over his throne, the mountain of a man, with an enormously tall, huge, muscular body, wearing his golden armor, and his huge crown decorated with many colorful jewels.

He had a short, gray bear, with long gray hair growing all the way below his huge shoulders, his sharp green eyes suddenly changing color to become golden as he seemed to analyze me with a similar power I have! Wait, did he get the same Divine Protection I did?!

And of course, to his right side was the much smaller throne of the Queen, my grandmother, who was smiling happily and cheerfully, with an aura of relaxation and calmness, a complete contrast to my grandfather.

"Greetings father, we've arrived." My mother said, kneeling before her father, and so we did all, remaining in silence until asked to speak. "Welcome my dear daughter, and her big family. And of course, her many friends and companions. You've been called today for a special occasion. I've learned about your great feats, and about how you protected our country when nobody else could." The King went to the point right away. "You've done something that many would had never been capable of. And for that, I felt the necessity to call you here, to celebrate your victory, and to show you... How proud I am of all of you."

"E-Eh? Ah, I-I see..." Mom was taken aback by grandfather's honesty. He certainly seemed different than before...

Chapter 929 Praised As Heroes By The Whole Country

"Not only my daughter and the previous heroes, but also all these young brave warriors. From Sylph, my granddaughter to her friends, Aquarina, Zack, Mist, Celeste, Celica, Lara, and Luck. All of you shall receive the honorary title of nobles as one of the many rewards for your accomplishments." He said.

"But my king...!"

Immediately, a group of nobles sitting around the entire throne room protested, interrupting the king's words. Some of them were his actual sons or grandsons, so they thought they had the authority to talk in this moment.

"You cannot simply give noble titles to those demons!"

"They're the very root of this problem to begin with!"

"W-Why have you called them here-"

"SILENCE!" The King immediately roared, hitting the floor with his sword. "If any of you dares to raise their voice while I am speaking, I shall strip away the titles from you. Because it is quite CLEAR that you do not deserve it!"

The nobles suddenly shut down, the elves furiously glared back at us as if we had the fault on this, when it was their own stupidity that provoked the rage of the King.

"Guards! Send them away, immediately." The King said nonchalantly, as the three nobles were instantly taken away by powerful paladins, they protested, but if they dared to fight back they would see the fury of the King.

"Sigh... Now I am beginning to regret having had so many children." He sighed. "It was good for the kingdom they said. More children means more nobility that can take care of the country they said..."

"Calm down dear." The Queen sighed, caressing his big arm. "It's alright, let's go back to the topic."

"Ah, yes." The King muttered, quickly glancing back at us with his gaze filled with authority and might. "As I said before, you shall be given titles. This special ceremony is being broadcast to the entire country to see through special magic devices, as you can see." He pointed at the many floating spheres. "So everyone can see what I am doing. I am well aware that some of you are Demons, but that does not mean anything to me."

The King then glanced at the floating crystals, broadcasting what was happening. Alice said they were like "cameras" or whatever, from Earth, the world she knew a bit too much about.

"I see all races of people as equals. Not all Demons possess vile hearts, and not all elves are pure of heart either. We've had our fair amount of traitors and villains, of vile witches and malicious sorcerers. Not to mention the Ancient Necromancer, or the Abyssal Witch, both which were born from our very country." He spoke. "None, and I say ABSOLUTELY NONE is absent of sins, and in this world where there

are so many people of so many kinds of appearances, shapes, and forms, to discriminate others merely for how they look is foolish, and an act of pure hatred born out of ignorance, which does not befit us elves, who live long and therefore should be wise enough to see past superficial appearances."

I could feel with my senses as millions of peoples around the entire capital gasped in surprise before the King's words. But none seemed to protest, it felt as if the vast majority were told something they had never truly thought about too deeply.

"Father..." My mother smiled, as a small tear fell from her eyes. "Thank you for saying those words... You don't know how much it means to us..."

"Hmph." The King smiled slightly. "Anyways, now, my servants, give each of those deserving of one their titles. Once you sign them, you will become honorary nobles. You will be able to possess your own bank accounts, buy your own territories, and could even open your own companies with enough funds. For young honorary nobles, you will also receive a monthly allowance of one hundred thousand gold coins until you reach the age of 25."

"W-Wha...?!" Celeste was almost speechless.

"S-So much money?! " Mist cried.

"T-That's..." Zack was taken aback.

"Wow! Mommy will be happy with this for sure!" Celica was really happy.

"T-This is for real...?!" Luck was shocked.

"Nice! So cool!" Lara was very happy too.

I felt taken aback as well, I had no idea of this monthly allowance thingy, but I took it happily. I was already a noble, but adding on an honorary noble title was also possible, so I was a double noble? Does it gives me an even higher authority and benefits, maybe?

Well, whatever was the case, a dozen paladins walked downstairs from the throne, and handed us the papers, while a scribe gave us pens, which we all signed rather quickly. He even offered his help if someone didn't know how to write, but everyone learned it a few years ago.

"Excellent. Very well then, we're done here. Let's go celebrate. The entire country shall celebrate this day as the day we've honored the heroes that saved our country from the clutches of Arachne, the Demon Lord and Lolth, the Evil Goddess! It shall be known as the Day of Unseen Heroes!"

"OOOOOHHHHH!"

The people all around the capital cheered, millions of people, not just elves, but there were demons, anima, humans, and many other kinds of people that had recently entered the country because the borders were opened once more.

Once the broadcast finished, the entire atmosphere calmed down and even the King sighed in relief. He quickly asked one of his right-hand men what had happened.

"Francois, how did it go? How was the reaction of the people?" He asked worriedly.

"It was surprisingly well taken. Some were amazed, but there were very few people that complained! Mostly just some unimportant, low-ranking nobles." The glasses-wearing young man laughed.

"Oooh! I shouldn't have expected less from my people." The King smiled proudly. "They know when someone speaks the truth! This is but the first step, the first step to change the world, what I've been working so hard for so long..." The King started to laugh happily. "At long last, dear." The Queen giggled.

"Indeed, my King." Francois nodded.

Looks like grandpa was much more than I had originally thought... Aside from his scary and intimidating side, he was someone really good hearted, that only wanted the best for his people.

And also, to change the world too... I guess we shared a dream.

Chapter 930 Rejecting Advances From Every Young Noble

Once things were done, we started a party right away. The entire castle was filled with maidservants and manservants running everywhere, preparing all the banquet.

And above all, Nobles, Nobles everywhere! Not only auntie Aina and her family was here, but also a bunch of other relatives I had no idea existed until now, and after all our amazing feats, they saw us in completely different eyes.

"Well, maybe you're not that bad, despite being a half-elf..."

"We... we are not backing down though! We'll do something amazing one day too!"

And of course, a pair of twin rivals that annoyed me several years ago showed up, two blue-haired elves, a boy and a girl that looked almost identical, Crystal and Adamas, who were now around 15.

"I'm sure you will." I smiled. "After all you're my cousins."

"W-What with the cocky smirk?!" Crystal gasped. "I'll let you know that...!"

"Stop it, Crystal..." Adamas was jealous and angry, but knew he couldn't say much more. "A-Anyways, we already said we were sorry, let's go Crystal..." He walked away.

"Eh?! But brother!" Crystal followed him while bickering about.

Aquarina was right at my side, finding it unbelievable...

"They didn't even said they were sorry though?!" She asked, crossing her arms.

"It doesn't really matter; it was just something that happened years ago." I shrugged. "And seeing what they said, I can guess they're just a bit cocky but... not really something serious, at most, they must have some sort of inferiority complex because of their older siblings."

"Oh..." Aquarina sighed. "I've never had older siblings so I don't get it!"

"Whatever." I said. "Let's go eat something tasty for now! How about it?"

"Sure, sure!" Aquarina was happy that things were going smoothly for once.

We gathered around the table and started tasting the delicious snacks, they were mostly canape of small size. Tiny fruit pies, creamy cupcakes, small square-shaped pizza slices, little empanadas, and a lot of vegetables neatly cut into all sorts of fancy shapes, with delicious sauces to dip them on.

There was also a wide selection of liquors, but also just as varied selection of tea blends and fruit juices, which we tasted rather happily, it was a party of different flavors.

"Hmm, I love this melon fruit juice..." Aquarina said, drinking it.

"That's not just melon, young lady. It has been blended with three different types of tea leaves, banana, orange, lemon, and other fruit juices. It is an excellent cold tea drink and-"

"Who are you?" Aquarina asked the guy that just stepped in, a tall, blonde elf with sharp red eyes.

"Heh, I am amazed you don't know who I am..." He started to laugh. "I guess it's normal for a country girl, but don't worry, I'll let your ignorance slide for now because my parents said you have the potential to have the privilege of becoming my wife one day. My name is Crestelius Maximus III! And..."

"Marry? Eugh, sorry I don't like guys." Aquarina suddenly looked at him with a disgusted face.

"E-Excuse me?" Crestelius looked at her confused.

"I'm lesbian..." Aquarina raised an eyebrow. "I like girls..."

"W-Wha...?" The elf was completely confused, as he suddenly started to cough while nervously drinking his wine. "Sorry, she's taken~" I held Aquarina's hand. "Can you go away now?"

"T-That's..." He really didn't know what to even say. "Ahem! I shall go taste the new wines over there..."

He silently walked away in complete embarrassment, as Aquarina and I burst into laughter.

"Just what was that?!" Laughed Aquarina. "He was so awkward! Now I feel bad for the guy..."

"You have to get used to this, there'll be guys seeking arranged marriages." I explained. "My mom told me about it... For the sake of keeping appearances, it's better to politely tell them off and-"

"Ah, there she is!"

"Sylph! Lady Sylph!"

"It is an honor to meet you in this beautiful party."

"Just as the rumors say, your emerald eyes are as beautiful as the queen's!"

"What a wonderful red hair you have, you look like a fierce crimson maiden..."

"I am captivated by your beauty, young lady Sylph..."

Before I could finish my sentence, over seven young boys at most a year older than me started to flock around me like vultures around a rotten corpse.

They crowded me so much Aquarina was pushed away. I guess that one guy was the only one interested in her?!

And they were all rather handsome. One with short white hair and charming blue eyes. Another had short black hair with a mysterious, purple-eyed gaze, a second had long emerald colored hair with silver eyes, another was pink-haired, with a small ponytail and a feminine charisma, and... gosh, they were all quite handsome, huh?

Unlike Aquarina, I'm bisexual, so I react slightly different than her when I meet so many handsome young men... But even then, I should politely reject them.

"Name's Julius!" The cheerful blonde one said.

"Stephan is my name, milady." The pink-haired one gently held my hand and kissed it. "Hey! Stephan, not fair! Name's Aselle! Please go out with me!" The emerald-haired one was rather open about it.

"Enough with you guys!" "Oi, stop being so pushy with her! She clearly doesn't like you."

"What did ya say?!"

"Please just let's get along..." The black-haired boy sighed, slightly looking like he didn't even wanted to be here. "Ugh..."

Before I could realize, they started fighting one another for me, beginning to push each other away and then outright punching their faces, one of them started pulling the hair of the green haired guy while the feminine looking pink haired boy was rather fierce, kicking one in the balls...

"Stop it!"

"Agh! Let me go!"

"Y-You guards, you can't do this to me!"

The spoiled brats were quickly taken away by guards that came running the moment they saw them fighting one another... I guess I didn't even had to reject them.

The only mild-mannered one was the black-haired boy, who stayed there looking at me with a bit of sadness on his eyes.

"Sorry, no."

"Hahh... I shouldn't had even tried. My parents forced me to do this..."

He started to mutter things as he walked away.

"W-Well, that was something!" Aquarina was laughing her lungs out.

"Geez, stop laughing!" I felt embarrassed.